



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, today many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses, and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

**WHEREAS**, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of the Internet at the primary and secondary school levels in Virginia enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and

**WHEREAS**, at institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning, research, outreach and service; and

**WHEREAS**, Internet users and Virginia's information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attacks, loss of privacy from spyware and adware and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Virginia's information infrastructure and economy;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize October 2011 as **CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth